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## THE COLLECT . . .

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

## EVENSONG

There will be a special evensong for the newcomers this Sunday; Dec. 12th at Rec. 22; with Father Kitagawa, 7:30 P. M. Let's all turn out.

## BISHOP'S PLEA

From "Living Church"

Bishops of the Episcopal Church in charge of jurisdictions in which there are, or were prior to internment, Japanese peoples, wrote to Attorney General Francis Biddle prior to his speech on November 11th before the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, asking him to emphasize dangers arising out of present relations with the Japanese people in the United States.

Attorney General Biddle spoke at the Waldorf Astoria on Armistice Day, discussing racial problems, with specific reference to Jewish, Negro and Japanese minorities in this country.

The bishops, including the Presiding Bishop and Bishop Reifsnider, formerly of Tokyo, now in charge of Japanese Episcopalians in this country, assured the Attorney General of their cordial and wholehearted support in your defense of the rights of all American citizens, regardless of race or creed. In particular we wish to take advantage of the occasion of your Armistice Day address to thank you for your effort on behalf of the rights, as Americans, of citizens of Japanese descent."

"In the midst of the war in which we are dedicated to the enlargement of the freedom of all men," the bishops say," and at the threshold of victory in that war, it would be a defeat greater than a lost battle, if Americans were to, permit the persecution of our own countrymen.. The loyalty to this nation and to our professed principles of the great majority of Japanese-Americans assuredly outweighs the accident of their descent from a people who are now our enemies.

"The danger that our emotions in the midst of war may inflame us against the reabsorption of American citizens of Japanese descent in to the normal community life is a danger to the well being and freedom of every American. It is the duty not only of government but of the Churches and their members to vindicate the liberties and decencies for which we are at war, and to apply in practice the moral principles we teach." Other Bishops who telegraphed their desire to sign the letter were Bishops Block Moulton, Beecher, Ingley, Huston, Mitchell Remmington, Sanford, and Stevens.

## ISSEI SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 12, Holy Eucharist, Fr. Kitagawa
7:00 A. M. Rec. Hall 10
Holy Eucharist, Fr. Shoji
7:00 A. M. 32-12

Evensong with reception
7:30 P. M. Fr. Kitagawa
Rec. 22 for Newcomers

## NISEI SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 12, Holy Eucharist, Fr. Kitagawa
8:00 A. M. Rec. Hall 10
Church School, Frank Watanabe
10:45 A. M. Rec. Hall 10

Holy Eucharist, Fr. Kitagawa
9:30 A. M. 32-12
Church School Mary Tahara
10:30 A. M. 32-12

Weekdays, Mondays through Saturdays- 22-3-D
Holy Eucharist
6:45 A. M. Church Chapel

CHOIR PRACTICE SAT. 10 TH OF DECEMBER FROM 2:00 P. M. AT REC. 22

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# IN THE MAIL BAG

5027 Drexel Blvd. Chicago, Illinois comes word from Miyeko Okamoto: I am very happy here in this big, windy city of Chicago. The people I am staying with are so nice that I have not had a stroke of homesickness yet. Being such a large place with so many people, it takes time to get around so, as yet, I have not seen very many of my friends. How are things in camp now? There are so many things in camp that I miss but would not think of returning to life behind the gates.

Camp Shelby, Engineers, Pvt. Eddie Sato writes: And on Thanksgiving we will be out on the field. Your prayers for the boys will be remembered. We appreciate what the Church of the Holy Apostles are doing. Kay too, will be away during Thanksgiving and Christmas. More days are spent on bivouac with regular night problems. This week ends our unit training in the Engineers. The tests will be many. Gotta go on guard duty in a few minutes. Will have to leave now. It is cold today! Brr!!

Camp Maxey, Texas, Sgt. Harry Kataoka writes: I have been here in Camp Maxey, Texas a little over a year now and there are days when I am a little despondent thinking how far one is from home, when this can all end and we can go home again to our home again to our folks and friends. I believe that it is only natural that most soldiers experience this feeling although it is not bad now as it was before. When I think of the church which grew from a little congregation carrying on so bravely in spite of wartime restrictions and difficulties, it isn't hard for me to endure a little homesickness and unhappiness too. You and the members are certainly doing a wonderful job of conveying religious thoughts to all those in the service of their country and to those scattered over the United States who may not have the opportunity to attend church services in body. I know we are all with you spiritually. . . . . (By the way, who is your secretary. Many people do not have them.)

From Cincinnati comes a letter from George Okita. . . I am now having my Thanksgiving vacation and it is the first time since I have been out here, that I will be able to relax. This year has been the first Thanksgiving in which the family has not been together, but I am sure the Lord is keeping us closer together in spirit than ever before. Even though we may not be together there is always a lot for us to be thankful about. God has been very good to our family and I am thankful that we all have enough faith in Him to know that He will alway be caring for us no matter where we may be or how far the family may be separated. . . . Last week I met a old friend of mine, Atsushi Kikuchi who came down from Chicago on a short visit and we spent one grand hour in our short reunion. One thing he quoted that has stayedwith me is "the great enjoyment and satisfaction there is when one is getting his education the hard way. The education not only means more to him, but he is also building his character and learning more about life and its difficult problemsand how to overcome them." I am beginning to find this very true.

Ruby Okawaki writes. . . I went to visit Lincoln, Nebraska over the holidays and just returned last Sunday night. While in Lincoln I received a card from Father Yamazaki that Bishop Reifsnider was to be here in Chicago and to speak to Episcopalian Niseis. It seemed like old times again. . . . . I met the Fujimoto family here last Sunday at Bishop Reifsniders meeting. They seem well and happy. I am now attending St. James Episcopal Church here in Chicago. . . . . Times .. have changed and the days in Seat.. are nothing but a dream in my memory. I am always glad to hear from persons whom I met at St. Peter's.. I was never in the centers but my work is connected with it and it is very interesting....With best regards to all and hoping that this finds everyone well.

Sgt. Hood Shiogi, Camp Robinson, Arkansas. . . Luriko and I are now comfortably settled here in Arkansas. We are very happy. Upon leaving Twin Falls, we had quite a hard trip across the country but a very enjoyable one. We stayed overnight at Omaha, before coming down to the hot part of the country here in Arkansas. We arrived in a very good condition though we were both coal black from the train ride. The train were overcrowded but we were verywell-treated. Other soldiers and civilians were more kind to us to make the trip more comfortable. I have found a nice home, not far from camp, making it very suitable, for both of us. A very good friend of mine, here at the hospital, a surgeon, an ARMY officer has asked us to move in with them which we did. Luriko likes it there very much and she has plenty of company while I am at work. We are both doing very nicely and we hope and pray that you along with all our good friends are equally as healthy and fine.